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Notes:

Examiner Faile – a single page drawing follows that illustrates one basic idea behind the invention. This drawing is similar to Fig. 3 in the application, but I have removed window frame 202 for clarity. Essentially, there is a viewport 201 in which a video stream is to be rendered. A video subsystem is programmed to render video in this viewport. There is also a hyperlink overlay window 200. The hyperlink overlay window can contain graphics (such as the www.hyperlink.com). These graphics are set to a predetermined color (say, for example, magenta). When the hyperlink overlay window 200 is to be displayed in connection with the video stream being rendered in viewport 201, the video subsystem is programmed to render the video stream only over those areas of the hyperlink overlay 200 that are NOT set to the predetermined color. Thus, what happens is that the video images are rendered as usual, except that where the www.hyperlink.com appears, no video is rendered. The result of this is a rendered video having a hyperlink displayed on top of it.

Please call me after you have reviewed the drawing and we can talk further if you wish.